

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Bomb Disposal and Detection Squad
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that for six years now, Delhi Unit of Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been waiting to get its own bomb disposal and detection squad and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that RPF could not get it because of some procedural delays and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is going to clear the procedural delays and ensure that RPF Delhi Unit gets its own bomb squad as early as possible; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): Prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order over Railways is the statutory responsibility of States which is being discharged by them through the Government Railway Police (GRP). Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplement efforts of GRP to ensure security of passengers and passenger area. To supplement efforts of Delhi Railway Police for detection of explosive substance and suspicious objects, 07 sniffer dogs have been deployed by the RPF in Delhi Division of Northern Railway. In addition, equipment like bomb basket, bomb suit, drilling machine, thermal cutter, RSP tool kit, gas cutter, telescopic prodger, non linear junction detector, etc. have also been procured for handling of explosive substance, to avert any mishap.

Strengthening and upgradation of security infrastructure is an ongoing process. To strengthen surveillance mechanism at sensitive stations, including Delhi area stations of Northern Railway, an Integrated Security System has been envisaged and bomb detection and disposal system form part of this System. Issues concerning availability of eligible vendors, specification, inspection of equipment, etc. were raised by some of the Zonal Railways. These issues have since been addressed and Zonal Railways have been advised accordingly.
